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Re: Review of Component report for Water

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>Subject: Re: Review of Component report for Water Quality Program

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>>Nigel: I share some of these concerns. On the one hand, I have believed it important that CALFED not reinvent the wheel and take advantage of work that has already been accomplished, and management structures that are already in existence. However, the problem with this approach is that it may tend to burden CALFED with "baggage" or lack of success of past efforts.

Seems to me the key is to try to incorporate what has been done that is valuable, within a new CALFED structure that goes beyond past developments.

I agree with you that the Grasslands work is very important, and is an excellent example for CALFED. I would be very interested in some more specific thoughts from you on how we can best find consistency with the past

while at the same time charting a different future. If you would like to meet to talk some of your ideas over, I would be happy for the opportunity.

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>Rick

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>Rick :

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>>Since I have you on the air, so to speak, I thought I might voice
>>a concern that I have shared with my colleagues here in the Bureau
>>stemming from the presentation made by the SJVDIP at the last Water - Anglo
>>Quality Committee meeting. I gathered from that meeting that the WQTC
>>SJVDIP was seeking to play a role in the evaluation of water quality meeting
>>projects for the San Joaquin Basin.

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>>As a principal hydrologist for the San Joaquin Valley Drainage
>>Program and a member of the planning team that put the "rainbow
>>report" together I am disappointed that the SJVDIP has not
>>progressed in its vision during the past 7 years. Although the
>>mix of component options in the Final Plan are based on technical
>>analysis most of the numeric values were negotiated (e.g. the acres
>>of land retired in various drainage problem areas). The SJVDIP have
>>taken a literal approach to their review of these numbers and in
>>my view will end up wasting a lot of people's time in the process.
>>The approach being taken ignores the great strides being made in
>>the Grasslands Bypass Project, our work in real-time water quality

- Comment on CALFED WG
Program
- No need for necessity
Summary:
- Afraid SJVDIP diving CALFED WG
program when reverse should
be the case.

>>management on the San Joaquin River and many of the environmental
>>commitments made since 1990 including CVPIA, the ERPP and the
>>entire CALFED initiative. Admittedly, the alternative to revisiting
>>the past might be a little scary to the current SJVDIP staff of two,
>>since the resources of the Drainage program were vast in comparison
>>to the current program, however the outcome will likely be a more
>>committed cadre of agency technical representatives and an outcome
>>that is more driven by the CALFED Water Quality program than one
>>that attempts to drive it. My perception is that among the proposals
>>you received for this round of funding are some of the most progressive
>>and forward-looking ideas that SJVDIP would do well to study and
>>incorporate into their own program.

>>Nigel

- bad proposals - CALFED should drive SJVDIP
not other way around

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